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I applaud the Dept. of Justice and the nine states who are finally proposing a settlement with Microsoft. This case has never been about the consumer. This case has always been about Sun, Oracle and AOL attempting to use the legal system to thwart a competitor. I do not agree with using our fine system of justice for these kinds of purposes. Our country has wasted enough financial resource, personnel and effort in pursuing a company that has demonstrated excellence and works actively to contribute to the community and the country on an ongoing basis. Microsoft has acknowledged previous wrongdoing, appears to be actively working to remedy any reoccurence in the future and appears to be willing to reach a fair and reasonable settlement. I encourage the Dept. of Justice to settle this case as rapidly as possible - that is the course of action that will finally be in the best interest of the consumer. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion on this matter.

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